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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Robert Terkeltaub et al.  
Application No. : 09/661,848  
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For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND  
TREATING ARTHRITIC DISORDERS AND REGULATING  
BONE MASS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on February 25, 2004, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on August 25, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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